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Sewage Articles on Town Meeting Warrant

MILLBURY - On June 16, voters will deal with an FY'93 budget of $12,732,214 at the Annual Town Meeting and act on 57 articles, including the following:

- Article 11 asks for an unspecified sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund. (The Finance Committee will recommend that 25% of the Wheelabrator funds be put into the Fund.)

- Article 18 seeks $23,685 to pay to the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District for teacher's salaries that were deferred from the FY'92 budget. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 19 seeks money to convert the boiler at the Center School to gas heat and remove the existing oil tank. (FinCom will recommend that $10,000 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund for this article.)

- Article 21 asks the town to purchase, accept as a gift, or take by eminent domain an easement for water rights to the fire department from Colonial Orchards, Inc. on Boston Road, Sutton. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 24 asks the town to accept the provisions of the Retirement Incentive Plan for Municipal Employees as adopted by the Legislature. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 25 seeks funds to provide for the separation benefits for those employees electing to retire under the Retirement Incentive Plan. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 26 seeks to amend the general bylaws dealing with the publication and distribution of annual reports. (FinCom will recommend acceptance as written.)

- Article 27 seeks to amend the general bylaws on "Article Closing" for warrant articles appropriating funds. (FinCom will recommend acceptance as written.)

- Article 29 seeks an unspecified sum of money to reimburse Roland Lachance veterinary expenses for livestock injured by a dog. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Articles 31-32 seek to amend the zoning bylaws relating to site plan reviews and height restrictions (from 40 to 55 ft) in the Industrial B district. (FinCom will defer these articles to the Planning Board.)

- Articles 33-35 relate to expenses for the Police Department, including: the purchase of a new cruiser (FinCom will recommend $12,500); rebuilding of a marked cruiser (FinCom will recommend $7,900); and renovations in the department (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement).

- Article 36 asks the town to accept Mass. General Laws, Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43, and 44. Section 42 requires that the position of Fire Chief be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, who may remove the Chief for cause and after a hearing. Section 43 provides that the appointed Fire Chief also serve as Forest Fire Warden. Section 44 provides that acceptance of Sections 42 and 43 will not affect the tenure of office nor apply to the removal of any permanent or call members of the Fire Department which accept Section 42. (FinCom will defer this article to the Board of Selectmen.)

- Article 39 seeks $5,262.27 for construction of sewerage systems and appurtenant works in the Center cleanup areas from an unissued portion of the bonded indebtedness approved at the 1985 annual town meeting. (FinCom will recommend acceptance.)

- Article 40 seeks to raise the permanent sewer privilege rate to $1,800. (FinCom will defer to Sewer Commission.)

- Article 41 seeks $37,000 from the Sewer Reserve Account to purchase capital equipment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewage Pump stations. (FinCom will recommend acceptance.)

- Article 42 seeks $5,000 from Sewer Reserve Account to install 160 feet of sewer service line from Beach Street to the property line at 10 Beach Street. (FinCom will recommend acceptance.)

- Article 43 seeks $5,000 from the Sewer Reserve Account to install 130 feet of sewer service line from West Main Street to the property line at 4 High Street. (Fincom will recommend acceptance.)

- Articles 44 and 45 relate to proposals to bring sewage from Carousel Drive to the Grafton Town Line. This would allow the Paul Revere Condominiums on Grafton Street to tie in to the town's septic system. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.) It is anticipated that an amendment to the articles will be put forth at the town meeting to state "and further provide that the appropriation contained herein is contingent upon the passage of the Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote pursuant to the requirements of G.L.c 59 s.c 7 m; and to take any other action thereto."

- Article 46 asks the town to acquire by gift, grant, or purchase, or to take by eminent domain, a parcel of land on Grafton Street belonging to Paul Revere Village Association, Inc. to be used for the purpose of constructing a sewage pump station. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 49 seeks an unspecified sum to correct the elevation of a drainage structure on South Main Street. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 50 seeks transfer of funds (FinCom will recommend $37,000) from "New Lot Fund" for expansion of Central Cemetery.

- Article 51 seeks $90,000 for the replacement of two large sections of the Jr.-Sr. High School roof. (FinCom will recommend $50,000.)

- Article 52 asks the town to authorize the Parks Commission to be its Agent in negotiating the next lease for Windle Field. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 53 seeks to allow any person who is handicapped, disabled or 65 or older to use the transfer station free of charge. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 54 seeks to amend the zoning bylaws by adding a new section relating to biomedical research. (FinCom will defer to Planning Board.)

- Article 56 ask the town to accept the following streets as town ways: Cyndy Lane, Nicole Drive, Hayward Glen Drive, Pinehurst Circle, Jonathan Avenue, Momin Drive, Rayburn Drive. (FinCom will recommend indefinite postponement.)

- Article 57 seeks to discontinue 150 feet of Lakeview Street from its most southerly end. (FinCom will defer to Planning Board.)

A job well done

CHRONICLE photo by Alexander A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Prisoners complete the work of laying bluestone at the Asa Waters Mansion as part of the Worcester County Sheriff's Department's Community Service Program. The program, which provides free labor, allows cities and towns to complete projects that were on hold because of budget constraints. The Millbury Highway Department also provided assistance with the project.

Commission Chairman seeks reinstatement of Linder

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The workshop portion of the Sutton Selectmen's June 9 meeting was largely taken up by a discussion with Richard Ezold, Chairman of the Sewer Commission. Ezold came before the board to request two letters: one to reinstate Martin Linder to the commission and a second letter stating that there is no conflict of interest with Linder doing sewer work in Sutton.

Linder resigned from the commission two weeks ago and notified the board that he was hired as an independent contractor by Pleasant Dale Realty Trust to install sewer mains and laterals in the Wilkinsonville Condominium project off Boston Road.

Ezold explained that the commission receives plans from engineers or the town engineer, and said unbiased inspectors do the inspecting. "I don't see, in my mind, the appearance of a conflict of interest," Ezold said. "He (Linder) has been told there is an appearance of a conflict of interest if he works in this town and puts in sewer lines. I don't agree with it. (The Sewer Commission) is a non-paid board and the town of Sutton is saying to him, we want you to work for the town of Sutton for nothing but we also, on the back hand, we want to take away your livelihood and not let you work in the town of Sutton."

Board Chairman Wallace Johnson answered that Linder's resignation was on the basis of a conflict of interest. He also said he had no problem with Linder serving on the board and that Linder was not told by the Selectmen that there was a conflict.

In response to Johnson's request to explain the circumstances of Linder's resignation, Town Administrator Dexter Blois said he received two phone calls from people who hired Linder; they had concerns over the potential of conflict. "I didn't think there was a problem, but I'm not the one to answer, nor is the board of selectmen the one to answer," Blois said. "The only one who can get anybody off the hook in regards to conflict of interest is the Ethics Commission. So I called the Ethics Commission, and I explained the case as best as I understood it, and I talked to Marty (Linder) about it, and, based on what I was told, assured Marty there was no problem with the project that he was about to undertake. However, the Ethics Commission did say two things: if the sewer commission reviewed and Marty was a party of that review, of any sewer project, then he should not be involved with constructing them. They also said if he wanted an answer to cover him and anything in the future, he is the only one who can request an opinion from the Ethics Commission."

Blois added that if Linder received an opinion from the ethics commission stating there was no conflict of interest, he would be free to pursue his duties on the sewer commission.

Linder responded, "The reason I resigned working for the town of Sutton and sitting at a desk for one night a month for approximately three hours, 36 hours a year, any piece of paper that came across that desk, I could not do work on that project. That might not be all of my livelihood, but it's part of it. And based on that reason, the potential of taking work away from me, I may never do another job in this town again. I don't know, but at least I can go out and solicit business and say I can do this work; I am qualified, but sitting on this board I can't do that based on what Dexter told me."

Linder said the reason he feels he can do the Pleasant Dale project is because he was not on the board when it was proposed. "Now I might have looked at it (the sewer plan) and said, 'here you go Morganroth,' and know nothing more than that," he said.

"What I'm saying here," said Ezold, "is we're being told there is a presence of a conflict of interest between Marty and him doing sewer work in town. I don't agree with that, because there is no way our board approves a plan without first getting an acknowledgement from an engineer.

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EDITORIAL

A Community's Problem

On October 17, 1983, the Millbury Planning Board received a petition signed by nearly 600 residents asking that a special permit request from Forrow Builders Inc. be denied to construct the condominiums now known as Paul Revere Village. One of the questions asked by residents, but never answered during the public hearing process, was, "Can the D.E.Q.E. or has the D.E.Q.E. been invoived with an Environmental Impact Study with regards to surface water control and septic system density impact?"

On October 20, 1983 the Planning Board voted to grant the special permit. In so doing, they effectively guaranteed the future owners of these condominiums that they could move into their new homes secure in the knowledge that their property was given the town's stamp of approval through proper siting, inspections and permits.

As early as October, 1986, in the final phase of the construction, problems with the septic systems began to surface, finally resulting in what is now believed to be the failure of all 27 systems.

On Tuesday, June 16, residents at the Paul Revere Condominiums will seek community support of articles on the Annual Town Warrant that will begin the process of bringing sewerage to the project to alleviate what the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has called "a potential threat to the public health."

Arguments in opposition to the articles will most likely center around the fact that East Millbury has been waiting and hoping for sewage for years, and residents of West Millbury believe they will never see sewage in their part of town. While we agree that every portion of Town is entitled to sewage, no other section of town has 100 homes under order from the DEP or the Board of Health to alleviate septic problems.

This is not an issue of one section of town versus another. Residents of East and West Millbury must look elsewhere to place the blame for lack of sewage in their areas.

The 98 families at Paul Revere put their trust in town officials to do their job as they were elected or appointed to do. If the town cannot be held responsible for the actions of its elected or appointed officials, why have officials who are allowed to inspect or issue permits?

The homeowners at Paul Revere are no further along to a solution than they were when they came before the Selectmen seeking help over a year ago. There have been countless meetings with local officials, state officials, town boards, and still the residents live with raw sewage running down their streets, onto abutting property, contaminating the soil.

The residents of Paul Revere have learned a hard lesson, one that 600 residents learned in 1983: if they want action, if they want help, if they want relief, they cannot count on the political process; they must put their faith and trust in the people of the town. The people who live in the condominiums are not strangers, they are our neighbors; they shop in our stores, worship in our churches, send their children to our schools.

We are a community, and what affects one segment of the community affects us all. Approval of the articles by the town meeting will send a strong message, not only to the residents of Paul Revere, but to our children and to neighboring communities. It will tell everyone that when you come to live in the Town of Millbury, you can count on your fellow townspeople to put aside their own differences in time of need. If the town fails to approve these articles, sadly, the opposite message will be delivered.

We The People

Community asked for support

To the Editor:

As a resident of Paul Revere Village Condominiums, I am writing this letter for a couple of reasons. The first is to thank the *Millbury-Sutton Chronicle* for its reporting of this ongoing story. They have researched this story from day one and have fairly and accurately reported the facts as they transpired, thus informing all of their readers of the terrible situation that we are facing.

I am also writing to express my outrage at the apparent lack of effort being expended by our elected officials, specifically the Board of Selectmen. These people are elected to represent the interests of the public, and in our case they are avoiding the issue. The Selectmen continually have hidden behind the litigation as an excuse not to talk with us to make an attempt to resolve the problems with our septic tanks. This puts us years away from getting our septic problems fixed by tying in to town sewers. Even though ninety-eight families stand on the brink of having our homes condemned and losing our life savings, this government body has refused to face the facts and take the actions necessary to rectify the septic problems to save our homes.

Finally, I am writing this letter in the hope that the residents of Millbury will do what our elected officials have refused to do: support our efforts to save our homes. I am hoping that our fellow residents will have sympathy for the situation we are in, which is beyond our control, and will support any public measures which come before them. In this manner they will be exhibiting the moral character which this situation demands.

Matthew J. Lombard
Millbury

Another Point of View

Another Bureaucratic Boggle!

By Lawrence Moore

It is difficult, if not impossible, for the average person to know what's going on in the Legislature or in the Bureaucracy. Each year thousands of bills are filed and thousands of pages of regulations are issued. Only specialized publica-

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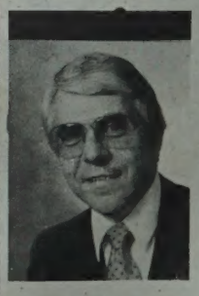
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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Condo Association asks Board for support of warrant articles

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - A the June 2 Selectmen's Meeting, Administrative Assistant Earl Chase said the Cherry Sheet from the State indicates that Millbury will be receiving about $65,000 less in local aid this year. Board Chairman Jude Cristo said the Finance Committee may have already provided for that decrease.

Request for use of land

The Board took under advisement, a request from George D'Auteuil to have use of land at the Highway Department barn on Providence Road for recycling of butt logs and wood building products in order to remove them from the trash stream to help keep the Town within its tonnage allotment with Wheelabrator.

Cristo indicated that since there are other trash haulers in town, the Board will have to research the law under the Procurement Act. He suggested that there might be an issue of whether other trash haulers in town should also have the same access provided for them.

D'Auteuil agreed that the issue should be clarified but noted that he is the recycling coordinator for the town through an agreement with the Board of Health. He questioned the need to delay the request since this just an addition to the recycling efforts presently being carried out. He also said the Transfer Station does not have the room to handle this type of recycling.

Housing Authority Appointment

The Board met in joint session with the Housing Authority to act on an appointment from a list of three candidates submitted by the Housing Authority: Barbara Blavackas, Helen Mankevetch, and Bertha Lee. All of the candidates live in an elderly project under the management of the Housing Authority. All three said they wanted to be of service to the town. They also indicated that they did not see any issues or problems relative to the housing situation in Millbury and that things seemed to be going along smoothly.

Helen Mankevetch said she did not feel she could vote on issues related to the housing projects as there may a conflict of interest since she lives in one of the complexes. She did say she would be willing to give her opinions on issues as they came up.

Blavackas received the majority of votes on a 5-4 count from Robert White, William Bedord, Richard Dwinell, and Selectmen Gerry Bleau and Roland Lachance.

Insurance

The Board voted to table an issue regarding general insurance coverage for the town to June 9. This is the second time the matter has been tabled. Last week Lachance sought time to look over a proposal from Braley Wellington Insurance of Worcester that was presented as a savings of upward of $55,000 in premiums to the town.

Gauthier said he had spoken to Steve Walinsky of C.D. Whitney who indicated that his agency has arrived at a possible savings of $30,000. Gauthier also said C.D. Whitney is looking for additional quotes from their carriers. Chase said they expect to have a proposal ready in a week.

John Brissette, representing Braley Wellington, said that last year, the town violated the bidding law on insurance coverage and that their agency did not pursue the matter. He asked that his agency, in all fairness, be allowed to submit another bid since the Board is allowing C.D. Whitney to enter the picture after seeing the bid offered by his agency. He said he anticipated that his agency could do even better.

Lachance asked why the best bid was not given before.

Brissette replied that the bid did not include other areas such as workmen's compensation, law enforcement personnel coverage, and school department coverage, which could bring a possible better bid with savings.

The Board agreed to meet with both agency representatives next Tuesday.

Paul Revere Condominiums

Representatives of the Paul Revere Condominium Association were present to discuss issues of concern related to the failure of the septic systems at the Grafton Street condominiums.

On May 26, the board was notified by the town's insurance company's attorney that Land Court Judge John G. Martin had allowed a motion to dismiss a suit filed by the Condo Association against the town which in effect, according to Attorney Edward Donnellan, should conclude any further litigation on the matter. Noting the complainants have an opportunity to appeal, Donnellan said it is his law firm's opinion that an appeal would not be successful.

In his ruling, Housing Court Judge John G. Martin wrote "The Town argues that under the theory of Dinsky v. Framingham...and subsequent cases, there is no special duty owed by the Town for the inspection and approval of septic systems to the Plaintiff. This Court agrees."

Also on May 26, the residents at Paul Revere received notification from the Board of Health that certain water use reduction measures had to be taken by the residents. It was believed that this order is the first step towards condemnation of the project.

Condominium Association President Sarah Lilley presented a motion for a request to amend two articles on the June 16 Annual Town Meeting Warrant seeking extension of a sewer line from Memorial Drive to the Grafton town line. The motion, which would be an amendment to the articles, reads as follows: "and further provide that the appropriation contained herein is contingent upon the passage of the Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote pursuant to the requirements of G.L.c 59 s.c 7 m; and to take any other action thereto."

If the amendment passes, the matter of extending sewerage lines would then be done by special election by vote of the general public. It was noted that neither the Board nor the Finance Committee could do anything prior to town meeting as the warrant is printed and the time frame doesn't allow for a change at this time. The amendment can be brought forth after the motion of the Finance Committee is acted upon or defeated at the Town Meeting, and then a new motion can be put forth.

Cristo said the Board has indicated "from day one" that they would assist in any way they could if the amendment, as written, was legal. Chase said he would run it by legal counsel. He suggested to Lilley that a copy of the amendment be ready to hand to the Town Clerk at the Town Meeting.

Lilley said the Association has yet to receive figures relative to bonding as requested at an April meeting.

Treasurer Dave Cofske said the cost would depend on the term of the bond. He said it would require $150,000 a year if bonded for the maximum of 30 years.

Sewer Commissioner George Buron said he and his fellow commissioners will support the two articles placed on the warrant.

Lilley asked the selectmen for their position on the articles. Cristo replied that the Board has not discussed the issue. He then asked, if the town votes to bring the lines up to the entrance of the condominiums, has the association received any commitments on financing their end of the project?

"At this point," Lilley replied, "it's moot as to our financing. What we need to know is if we have the support of every town official for these articles that will bring lines up to Bunker Hill Road. Financing at this time is a moot point."

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"No it isn't," Cristo replied.

"Yes it is," Lilley countered.

"I'm just being reasonable with you," Cristo said, "as you are going to be asked. It might help your case a little bit if you could get a commitment for financing contingent on the town bringing the sewer line up, otherwise you have a line not being utilized. I am just playing devil's advocate," he said, "as you are going to get some tough questions on it at town meeting."

Lilley replied that the response from the mortgage holders is that since the town has not taken any action to alleviate the problem, they will not add additional financing to the mortgages. "That's why I say it's a mute point," she said.

One resident of the complex said that if the sewer line comes up the street, a lot of other residents will want to hook in.

Cristo pressed the same question on where the financing would come from.

Another resident asked what type of proof the board was looking for. "Are you suggesting that we go to our banks?"

Cristo said he was not sure and asked Selectman Bernard Plante, who is a banker, if the association would get a note for the whole project?

Plante replied that he thought each person was going to have to talk to their own bank.

Lilley asked if other residents in town have ever been similarly asked to come up with financing information for the board when articles come up for laying of sewers in other areas of town?

Cristo replied that there is a difference because the average sewer line runs along an infrastructure of streets.

"Those streets are also our streets. I would like to know," she asked again, "do you ask every homeowner the same questions when you run a line down their streets?

Cristo said for most homeowners the line runs in front of their house and they hook up at a cost of maybe $1,500. He said it would not cost as much as what is being proposed to have each hook into a line at the condo village. He also said homeowners have to tie in after the town goes by their homes.

Lilley said homeowners only have to pay the betterment fee.

Buron concurred that after one pumping, they pay the betterment. He also said they could possibly bring in the lines for $300,000.

Lilley again asked the board if they would support the association's articles at the town meeting.

Cristo said not until the board receives some answers to the funding issues.

"I think this whole question is moot," Buron said. "I don't think these people can go to a bank and get a commitment from the bank unless the town has made a commitment."

Lilley said that unless the sewer line comes up the street, the town is going to condemn the condos and close them down. "We have no choice," she said. "We have to do it or we will lose."

Finance Committee member Bill Pratt said there has to be a more solid figure on the cost as he understood that the figure of $1.4 million for the proposal for the extension line is off.

Buron replied that it is a solid figure.

FinCom Chairman Bruce Arrington said it only can be done through an override debt exclusion.

Buron said that would cost taxpayers about 35 cents per $1000 valuation.

Cristo said he has no problem with the article as presented since it only allows the proposal to be taken to the people for a vote. "I support that," he said.

Resident Mary Clark said she thought what the residents at Paul Revere need to know is if they will have the support of all the town boards or if they are going to have to fight it out on the town floor.

Cristo said there may be a better handle on that question at the next meeting when all parties will be discussing the town's finances.

Miscellaneous

- Chase asked the Board for their thoughts on relocating a monument at Canal and Providence Street to the large island at the same location. Gauthier asked Chase to look into who the memorial was for as Chase indicated he did not know.

- Chase said a recent highlight of a meeting of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce was the announcement that the expected starting date for the construction process for the Mass Pike Interchange will be 1995 with a completion date of 1998. There was no mention of the Rte 146 corridor and the time table for that reconstruction. On a motion by Selectman Roland Lachance, the Board voted to send a letter to the State asking for quick action in dealing with the disposition of land takings.

- The Board approved a request for Police Officer Paul D'Auteuil to take a three month leave of absence to attend the State Police Academy. The program lasts six months and he will have to come back in three months to request another three month leave. The Board said they will miss his service and Chief Handfield said he would welcome him back when and if he wishes to return.

- The Board approve a realignment of one voting district which will see a change for residents of Linda Ave and Jackson Ave to Millbury Ave from Precinct 3 to Precinct 4. Residents will still vote in the same place. This change was required as the population of Millbury is now officially 12,228 people.

100th Birthday Celebration

MILLBURY - On Saturday, June 27th, members and friends of the Glover and Brown families will attend an Open House at the home of John and Eloise Ducharme, 21 Millbury Ave., to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lucy M. Brown.

Lucy M. Dow was born in Livermore Falls, Maine, on June 24, 1892. She met her future husband, Lloyd H. Glover, while attending school in Boston. They married in 1916 and settled on Glover Road in West Millbury. The couple had four children: Everett of Madison, Wisconsin; Miriam of Oxford, Ma.; H. Burton of Greenville, South Carolina; and Eloise Ducharme of Millbury. Lloyd died in1927 of pneumonia.

After being a widow for 21 years, Lucy married a high school acquaintance, the Rev. Hervey H. Brown of New York. Their combined families had 8 children, 18 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren, and 16 great-great grandchildren.

The Rev. Brown was a minister with the Church of the Nazarene and Methodist churches. Lucy is a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Uxbridge and belonged to the First Congregational Church for 32 years before marrying the Rev. Brown. She resides at the Salisbury Nursing Home, 25 Oril Drive, Worcester, where she enjoys playing the piano and singing for most of the protestant services. She also enjoys offering fellowship and guidance to those who are less fortunate or to those who have no visitors.

Summer Day Camp

MILLBURY - The Grace Baptist Church, West Millbury, will sponsor a Summer Day Camp for children 4-12, from July 6-31. There is no charge. Call 865-2750 to register.

'Wannabe' Dance at Youth Center

MILLBURY - Celebrate the beginning of summer vacation at the Youth Center on Friday, June 19, and make a statement about who you admire. There will be a "Wannabe" dance for 12-16 year olds featuring "Top Cat" Hot Hits DJ. Dress up as someone you "wannabe." Admission is $3.00, and refreshments will be sold.

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tions that serve "interested" groups stay on top of developments in specific areas. To my knowledge, only the **Millbury-Sutton Chronicle** in our area regularly publishes "Beacon Hill Roll Call," a report of voting on key issues in the legislature. It would be impractical and expensive for any newspaper to report every bill and every regulation enacted or proposed. As a result, we have a populace, to an alarming extent, ignorant of the changing laws and rules which govern and control our lives.

On the other hand, who among us would wade through the interminable gibberish of government? Those few would make our 35% voting statistic look good. As a result, we have come to depend on our elected and appointed officials to do right by us, and we only grouse when we are personally affected.

Given almost a free hand, our officials act motivated by a range of stimuli, most often compromising, sometimes effective, but frequently resulting in grave imbalance. Too often attempts to make changes with a "broad brush" create harmful or unfair disparities.

Currently there is an effort on the part of the Executive Office of Community Development to increase rentals in public housing. "Public Housing" is a catchall name for housing for veterans, families, special needs folk, the working poor, and the elderly. Rentals started at 27% of income in 1991, are going to 30% on July 1, 1992, and it is proposed that they increase to 35% on August 1, 1992.

The rationale for the raise is the increasing need for housing subsidy for the working poor. In a nutshell, the working poor have some chance to increase their income, while the elderly have had their incomes reduced by lower interest, fixed pensions, and, among other ever-increasing costs, increased Medicare and drastically increased health insurance.

Although some elderly housing units require subsidy, most are self-supporting. Like municipalities, the less efficient are being rewarded, the efficient are being penalized for prudence.

Public housing must be separated into operating components. To do otherwise is to add to the staggering welfare burden, to further diminish the incentive for self-help among welfare recipients and, among the elderly, to increase self-denial. Housing for the working poor cannot be supported on the backs of the elderly.

Elderly tenants must protest to legislators, to secretary Marie Padula at EOCD, and to Governor William Weld. Otherwise, they will be victimized by Another Bureaucratic Boggle!

BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

BOSTON - This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on recent roll calls.

THE HOUSE

PROP 2 1/2 (H 5600) House 82-68, rejected an amendment striking a budget section allowing cites and towns to exempt their overlay accounts from the limits of Prop 2 1/2. Overlay accounts include funds set aside for tax rebates and abatements. Amendment supporters said this exemption is an assault on Proposition 2 1/2 and is simply a $120 million property tax increase. Opponents said this change will help cash starved cities and towns maintain local services and argued it is a long overdue change in a law which is too stringent. Moore did not vote; Kollios voted against the amendment.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX (H 5600) - House 105-46, rejected an amendment reducing the capital gains tax. The amendment links the tax rate to how long an asset is held before it is sold and establishes a range from 12% for an asset held less than a year to no tax for one held for more than six years. Amendment supporters said this reduction will help stimulate the economy, encourage individuals to invest in business, and help the state shed its old anti-business and anti-job growth label. Opponents said the cut will cost $138 million over the long run and will only benefit a handful of people. Moore and Kollios voted against the reduction of the tax.

WORKFARE (H 5600) - House 76-74, rejected an amendment providing for a workfare program requiring some welfare recipients to work for their monthly benefit checks. Amendment supporters said this will help able bodied recipients break the poverty and welfare cycle. They noted it exempts parents with preschool children. Opponents said workfare is an unfair and counterproductive program which creates "make work" jobs and doesn't train people with the goal of breaking the poverty cycle. Moore voted for the workfare program; Kollios voted against the program.

TURNPIKE AUTHORITY (H 5600) - House 112-37, rejected an amendment adding two members to the three-member Mass. Turnpike Authority Board. Amendment supporters said this will give Governor Weld control and allow him to clean up what they referred to as a corrupt and patronage laden body which is ripping off tollpayers and taxpayers. Opponents claimed this is a partisan Republican political power grab. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

GAS TAX (H 5600) House first rejected 82-62, then approved 153-0 an amendment prohibiting the transfer of money from the highway fund to the general fund. Amendment supporters said this will insure that gas tax money is used for bridge and highway repairs and is not transferred to other accounts to eliminate a deficit. Opponents first argued a constitutional amendment would be required to change the law but later voted unanimously for the amendment. Both roll calls are listed. Moore and Kollios voted against the prohibition on the first vote and for the prohibition on the second vote.

EMPLOYEE TAX CREDIT (H 5600) - House 147-2, approved an amendment providing a $500 tax credit for every full-time new employee hired by a business. Amendment supporters said this will help stabilize the state's business climate and encourage new job creation. Opponents said the state cannot afford this tax revenue loss and pointed to underfunded human service programs. Moore and Kollios voted for the $500 credit.

APPROVE BUDGET (H 5600) House 123-26, gave near final approval and sent to the Senate an estimated $14.5 billion fiscal 1993 state budget. Supporters said the package was a fiscally responsible one which funds necessary programs yet holds the line on state spending. They argued it also includes some great opportunities in education, job creation and other areas. Opponents said the package was an unbalanced one still loaded with waste, patronage and excessive spending during these tough economic times. They argued the budget violates Proposition 2 1/2 and does not provide enough tax relief or business growth incentives. Some argued the budget is full of efforts to scuttle recent reforms and to undercut Governor Weld's ability to change state government. Moore and Kollios voted for the budget.

THE SENATE

DRUG SENTENCES (S 1492) - Senate 35-2, refused to table a bill providing a five year mandatory prison sentence for anyone convicted of possession of 14 grams of heroin, morphine or opium. Current law provides mandatory sentences for possession of 28 or more grams. Bill supporters said it is time to get tough with these hard drug dealers. Opponents said mandatory sentences tie the hands of judges and are not the answer to the drug problem. They said the bill will lead to overcrowded prisons and increased spending. The bill has received initial approval in the Senate and needs another round of approval there before it goes to the House. Amorello voted against tabling.

JUVENILE JUSTICE (S 1486) - Senate 31-6, rejected an amendment to a bill making technical changes in the law passed last year making it easier to try juveniles charged with murder, as adults. The amendment requires the Public Safety office to conduct and file with the legislature within six months, an impact study on the effect and expenses of the new law. Amendment supporters said this will give the legislature feedback on how the tougher law is working. Opponents said the amendment is an attempt to delay the bill and cloud the issue. The bill has received initial approval in the Senate and needs another round of approval there before it goes to the House. Amorello voted against requiring the study.

SEVERANCE PAY (S 1594) - Senate 37-0, approved a supplemental budget amendment prohibiting employees from collecting unemployment and severance pay at the same time. Amendment supporters said this will save some $6 million by preventing the abuse by some laid off workers who double dip.

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Concerts on the Common

MILLBURY - The Millbury Parks Department will kick off its summer "Concert on the Common" series on Sunday, June 14 with an appearance by Butch & Maeve. The program will run from 6 p.m. to dusk.

Early dismissal for Millbury schools

MILLBURY - Friday, June 19, will be the last day of school and an early release time day for Millbury students. The High School will be dismissed at noon, the Middle School at 12:30 p.m., and the Elmwood School at 1:00 p.m. The morning kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no afternoon kindergarten classes. Lunches will be served as usual except at the High School.

Upcoming events at Sutton Library

SUTTON - The Sutton Public Library will hold a Book Sale from June 15 through June 27. All types of books will be featured.

June 30 will be the start of sign-up week for the summer reading program and will have a sports' theme since the '92 Summer Olympics will be predominant this year. This program is open to 3-5 year olds, but space is limited since there is only one Storyhour at the Center Library during the summer. Storyhour will be held on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. from July 9 to August 13.

During the same time frame, a Young Adult Reading program will be offered. Sign up will start June 30. Less formal than the Storyhour, participants will be asked only to keep track of the books they read. There will be prizes for the greatest number of books read or activities participated in, plus certificates for having taken part. Your reading efforts may be combined with the Readathon of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and their forms may be picked up when you register.

Flag Day Proclamation

MILLBURY - The Board of Selectmen has proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day in Millbury and urges all citizens of Millbury to pause at 7 p.m. on this date for the 13th annual "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" to the Flag. The first official flag of the United States was adopted by an Act of Congress on June 14, 1777.

Sutton student accepted into dance program

WORCESTER - Amy Capomacchio of Sutton, Ballet V student at the Performing Arts School of Worcester, has been accepted into three summer dance programs in the region: the Burklyn Ballet at the Walnut Hill School, Virginia School of the Arts, and the Hartford Ballet. She will be attending the Walnut Hill summer program.

UMass-Dartmouth graduates

DARTMOUTH - The following local students are recent graduates of the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth: Gina Gagliardi and Kevin Troy of Millbury; Michelle Cofske, David Cofsky (with honors), and Maura Healy, all of Sutton.

Olympic hopeful makes the 'cut'

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO - U.S. Olympic hopeful and Millbury resident Brian Parath takes a breather from training at a U.S. Olympic Training Center shop in Colorado Springs. Attending to Parath's hair styling needs is stylist Annette Flint.

Scholarships Awarded

MILLBURY - This year, the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Millbury presented a total of $17,200 to seniors graduating from Millbury High School, seniors living in Millbury graduating from schools outside of Millbury, and residents attending college. In addition to the awards presented to the graduating class of Millbury High, the following scholarships were presented:

Charles F. Minney Post 3329 VFW to Aimee A. Rocheleau, $500; The Felters Co. to Christopher G. Crossman, $300; The Millbury Lions Club to Kristine M. Kupfer, $1,000; Millbury Lioness Club to Melissa B. LeBel, $250; Marjorie A. Matson Memorial to Beth Krumsiek, $300; C.D. Whitney Agency to Elizabeth A. Mailloux, $200; Wheelabrator of Millbury to Gail M. Flynn, $200; Dr. and Mrs. William Spang to Kelly F. DeRevere, $200; Dr. Dennis Arinella to Rene E. Gargulinski, $100.

The Foundation also made the following awards in the amount of $100 each to: Heather L. Murray, Kerrie M. Murawski, Christine M. Croteau, Christopher J. Wilbur, Monica M. Hamilton, Steven L. Prue, Arlene F. Mattrick, John M. Welcom, Scott P. Valentino.

These awards are made possible through the combined efforts of the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation, the Millbury Business Community, and local non-profit organizations, and are available to any resident of Millbury.

Department Summer Closing

MILLBURY - The Building Department will be closed the week of June 29 to July 3. There will be no one available to issue permits during this time. Obtain permits for scheduled work by June 26.

Honored at commencement

UNITY, ME - Robert C. Grahn of Millbury was honored during Unity College commencement when he was presented with the Faculty Award. Grahn, who earned his Associate of Science degree in December, was chosen "on the basis of his contribution to the day-to-day affairs of the College and the morale of the student body, as demonstrated by his concern and willingness to help where a need was perceived."

Grahn is currently attending the Police Academy in Waterville, Maine to quality for the internship he will fulfill as law enforcement officer on Isleboro during the summer. He will pursue his baccalaureate degree at the college.

Grahn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Grahn of Hawthorne St., Millbury.

Candidates, please note...

The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle will accept candidate announcements for the September primary no later than June 27. No announcements will be published after July 2, 1992. In addition, no Letters to the Editor in favor of or in opposition to any candidate or issue coming up for a vote in the primary will be published after the August 20th edition.

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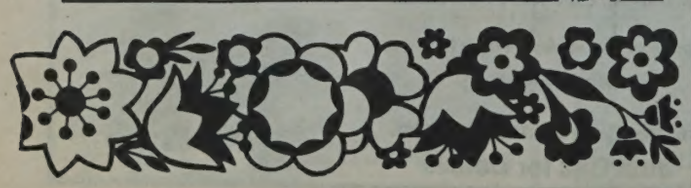

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Selectman David Strieby asked Linder if he had an official ruling from the Ethics Commission.

"No," responded Linder, "and I don't think I should have to get one." He said that if it was a town job then he could see a conflict, but could not if the project was for a private developer.

Johnson said he agreed with Linder 100% and did not want to see him resign from the sewer commission.

Ezold and Linder then alleged that there are many other people who serve on boards that have the same type of conflict of interest. "If you want to look at them, there's going to be a lot of people who are going to have to resign," Ezold said. He added that he did not feel that Linder should have to have a letter from the Ethics Commission stating that he is not in conflict.

Johnson said Linder was the one who hastily handed in his resignation. "Would you or do you want to retract your resignation temporarily until we do get some bona fide information?" he asked.

Linder said he would not look at another piece of paper until the board received that information.

Blois encouraged Linder to seek an opinion from the commission, saying he would be remiss in his responsibility if he had not pointed out that there was a potential conflict. "(Linder) can stand to lose $2,000 dollars civilly and $20,000 criminally if he gets caught (in a conflict)," Blois said, "and I'm not going to be responsible for knowing that that can happen and have it happen to him."

Ezold responded that Blois has the obligation to approach everyone who has an appearance of conflict of interest.

Blois responded that he does that but, "I don't see any others at the present time."

Linder was again asked if he would seek a decision from the Ethics Commission.

"I don't think I should have to," Linder answered.

"We can't do it," Johnson commented, "he has to do it. "Marty, you have no desire to be back on the sewer commission?"

"I guess you could take that, and if you have to prove yourself, it's not worth it," Linder replied.

Johnson told Linder that in fairness to his colleagues and to those on the board who support him, he should ask for a ruling from the commission. "If he doesn't desire to do that," Johnson said, "what can I do?"

Ezold then asked Linder, if Blois did the paper work, would he (Linder) sign the letter to the Ethics Commission and put it in the envelope and mail it. Ezold said if Linder did this, he (Ezold) would hold his own letter of resignation which he had placed before Johnson earlier in the discussion.

Linder agreed that he would.

Ezold then asked Selectman Dana Gravison what he would do in Linder's case.

"What I would do in his case is: this week, I would have made some phone calls, written some letters and gone to Boston if I was interested in serving on the sewer commission and working in the town," Gravison replied. "I would not have sat on my duff for a week, come in and said, 'I would like to have someone come in and talk for me to get me back on the board.' And I wouldn't have thrown innuendos at Dexter saying, 'He said this and said that.' I would have found out first hand."

"Is that what you think we've done here?" asked Ezold.

"That's surely what it looks to me was done here," Gravison responded.

It was decided that Blois would prepare the request for the Ethics Commission and Linder would not take any part in any of the actions of the committee until a reply is received.

Ezold then told Johnson to hold his letter of resignation until the selectmen receive the answer.

Town Administrator's Update

Town Administrator Dexter Blois informed the board that he has been meeting with town departments and insurance representatives over health insurance for town employees. He said it appears that instead of Sutton being fully insured by Central Mass or Tufts, it will be self-insured. There will be an administrative fee which will be paid to a carrier and a premium fee which will be deposited into a trust from which costs for doctors and hospitals will be paid. There will also be an insurance premium called "Stop Loss Insurance" which will cap the maximum loss that will come out of the premium pool. He said the cost should be about the same as the town has budgeted for Blue Cross and said it will work as it has in the past.

Blois said he thanked Senator Matthew Amorello's office for providing the town with the proposed numbers for the Cherry Sheet. He said the major difference between what was budgeted at the town meeting and what appeared on the Cherry Sheet, was an unanticipated loss of $133,361 in reimbursements for the construction of the Elementary School. Blois said no one in town had a schedule of payments or anticipated that the reimbursement would end this year. Consequently, he factored $133,361 into receipts. As a result, the shortfall for Sutton this year is $124, 515.

The regular meeting of the board was taken up by a discussion with Senator Matthew Amorello who spoke with the board on a variety of issues ranging from the Cherry Sheet and the governor's announced educational reform bill to a continuation of Putnam Hill Road improvements which he said will begin again in 1993.

Students learn safety rules

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Stead

MILLBURY - Jerilyn Stead's Extended Kindergarten classes have been discussing safety rules regarding electricity. Linemen from Mass. Electric spoke to the classes and showed the children the rubber equipment that they have to wear to protect themselves while working on electric wires.

On May 26, the classes had the opportunity to visit Stockwell Testing Lab in Millbury which tests various kinds of rubber equipment. The children wore yellow linemen hardhats. They also blew up gloves on a compressor and "inspected" the gloves for defects.

Photo above shows Michelle Condon blowing up the glove as her classmates look on (l-r) Ashley Fisher, Krista Plante, Anne Curtis, Kristian Bonzey, Jessica Hueras, Peter Roy. Standing behind the group is Mrs. King, Kindergarten aide.

The children also had the opportunity of seeing lightning appear. They all received miniature rubber gloves that are stamp dated, powdered, and packaged, which is the final process done to test the equipment. The lab tour concluded with "condemned" glove-shaped cookies.

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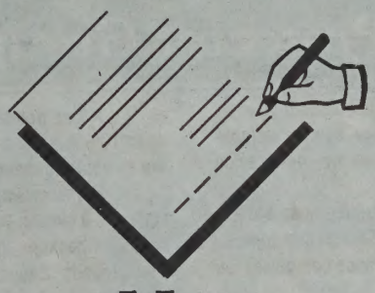

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School Committee member holds to campaign promise to seek reductions in administration

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The June 3 School Committee meeting convened at 7 P.M. with all members present.

Committee member Jane Pojani asked for a correction in the minutes of the last meeting relative to her request that all administrators be asked to forego their scheduled raises this year. She noted that the figures given out that four administrators were to receive raises of $3500 for a total of $14,000 did not include all administrators as the request implied.

Sylvia said he thought that Hanratty threw out the figure of $14,000.

Hanratty said there was a misunderstanding and, after some figuring of the number of people in administration, the total figure should be $22,300 which includes Sylvia and Mrs. Stowe but not the business manager, assistant superintendent, or maintenance supervisor who are not receiving raises this year.

Business Department

Mrs. Saucier, Business Department Head, accompanied by Business Teacher Eugene Genese, presented a proposal that would allow the Business Department to have a certificate program which she said would help students get an edge over others in the restricted job market presently facing students today. The program would include required courses in accounting 1 and 2, business law, general business, and word processing. Accounting 2 is presently an independent study course. The committee approved the proposal.

Budget

The Committee discussed a proposal by Committee member Barbara Tuttle to consider having one principal and an assistant principal manage two buildings as opposed to the present structure of a principal and an administrative assistant for each building. She said the proposal needs to be looked at to achieve savings in administrative costs.

Sylvia said that, as expressed in a letter to the Committee, two principals in the system may be retiring in two years and the proposal might be more appropriate at that time.

"We are in a fiscal crunch now," Tuttle said. "We don't have a crystal ball to see two or three years from now. I wonder if we shouldn't be looking at doing it now."

Clawson asked if there were any figures showing possible savings.

Sylvia said he didn't have an exact figure.

Clawson asked that he put together that information.

Hanratty said there might be a savings of between $5,000-$7,000, to which Sylvia responded that that seemed to be a reasonable figure.

Tuttle then asked if all departments are cutting budgets by 6%.

Clawson, who served as Chairman of the Finance Committee prior to his appointment to the School Committee, said that some were asked to cut 6% and others less.

Tuttle noted that the school budget is being cut 2%.

Clawson said the Police and School Department budgets were given a higher priority.

Tuttle replied that she was concerned that the school department do its fair share.

Hanratty said that if one were to look at all the dollars cut in the school budget, more has been cut than in other town departments even though the percentage of cuts in the school budget is smaller.

Tuttle said she still thinks the proposal of one principal for two schools should be looked at.

Hanratty said that Sylvia will provide the board with a cost savings. He also said he would consider looking at the sharing of a nurse between two schools as his first priority. He said that would account for a higher savings, possibly $18,000 plus.

Pojani referred to a list of recommendations provided by Sylvia showing the job descriptions for administrators. She noted that the list did not show any potential savings and asked if that could be provided.

Sylvia said that could be provided and suggested that the salaries listed as backup information would give some information on possible savings.

Miscellaneous

- The Committee approved, 4-1, the third and final reading of a change in the grouping policy of students in K-6 to heterogeneous. Committeeman Tom Clawson voted against the policy.

- Assistant Superintendent Richard Palermo reported that a session on sensitivity training and a review of the laws on discrimination will be held for administrators and school committee personnel in August and the staff in October.

- The present major bus transportation contractor, Lola Bus Company, was awarded the general transportation contract at a low bid of $487,000. Other smaller van/car routes were split with NAHRA Bus. and McCarty Van and Limo. Weagle received the field trip and athletic transportation contract.

Valedictorians

Tuttle said she received telephone calls regarding the naming of two valedictorians this year. She said a couple of callers suggested that there should have been a valedictorian and a salutatorian, since the valedictorian has the highest grade average and the salutatorian the second highest. She also referred to the school system's policy manual that states that the person with the highest grade average is the valedictorian. She said that if that policy is not going to be followed, it should be changed.

Sylvia said Principal Daniel Carmody discussed the matter of two valedictorians with the staff who were "pretty unanimous with having two valedictorians. He (Carmody) thought it was in the best interest of the parents and the students," he said.

Rebecca Kupcinskas received the highest grade point average with Sandra Nikolajevs within a half point.

Clawson asked if there was any hard feelings between the students?

Sylvia replied that they were delighted, as far as he knew.

Clawson asked if the matter had come up suddenly?

Sylvia said the two students have been in close competition for two years.

Tuttle remarked that there is a policy in place to deal with the issue, and again said if the policy is not going to be followed, it should be changed.

Hanratty said he agreed with Tuttle and said that if Carmody wanted to change the policy, "he should have come before us or go strictly by the policy that says there is to be one valedictorian. If he wishes to defer from the policy, he should come before us. We have been receptive in the past on requests brought before us."

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

The other night, the Millbury/Sutton Ecumenical Cluster met together at a restaurant to say "farewell" to two of our colleagues. It was a most enjoyable evening, though saying "goodbye" is always a difficult task. It made us all very much aware of our high calling as ministers of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul wrote to a young minister by the name of Timothy about the ministry (I Timothy 3). First of all, to desire to be a pastor is to desire a good thing. The Greek word for "desire" means to "stretch out". It is like an athlete stretching out to catch the ball. You put your whole life into it. Then there are certain disciplines that are listed. You have to be above reproach both within the church and the community. The life of a pastor is like living in a glass house where everything you do is open to the public. Furthermore, it is difficult on family life.

The church is like a family, and if one doesn't know how to take care of their own family, how can they take care of the family of God. The P.K.'s (preacher's kids) had best behave themselves as well. Though our priest friends do not have such a family, they still have to be a good example of family life to their parish.

As in most professions, there are dangers to avoid. Pride is listed as the condemnation of the devil. Jesus was pretty rough on the religious leaders of His day as they loved the greetings in the market place and to be seen of men. With the Apostle Paul, I too was amazed that God called me into His ministry. Amen.

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

Recommended books for readers in preschool through middle grades.

This list was developed by members of the American Library Association - Children's Book Council Joint Committee. These books are available from the Millbury Public Library.

PRESCHOOL

THE PAPER CRANE by Molly Bang: a quiet restaurant plays host to a mysterious man who pays for his meal with a paper crane that magically comes alive and attracts many customers.

NOT SO FAST, SONGOLOLO by Niki Daly: a South African boy desperately wants a pair of red tackies, or sneakers, that he sees in a store window while shopping with his grandmother.

CHESTER'S WAY by Kevin Henkes: cautious and conservative, Chester and his best friend, Wilson, are horrified when zany, free-wheeling Lilly moves into their neighborhood and shows them new ways of doing most everything.

THE TREK by Ann Jonas: a young girl's imagination causes her to see many animals - all ingeniously hidden in the pictures of this book - in the street scenes on her way to school.

PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN by Jeanne Titherington: a boy plants a pumpkin seed and watches it grow until he chooses to carve it into a jack-o'-lantern.

THE YEAR OF BEASTS by Ashley Wolff: Ellie and Peter live in rural New England and, throughout the year, see many different animals in the field and forest surrounding their home.

EARLY SCHOOL AGE

DINOSAUR BONES by Aliki: a brief, clear, engagingly illustrated introduction to the exciting discoveries of fossilized dinosaur bones in the 19th century.

ALIENS FOR BREAKFAST by Jonathan Etra and Stephanie Spinner: Richard joins a fight to save Earth from the Dranes after he finds an intergalactic special agent in his breakfast cereal box.

WHISKERS AND RHYMES by Arnold Lobel: a collection of original, short, humorous poems in the tradition of nursery rhymes.

KNOTS ON A COUNTING ROPE by Bill Martin and John Archambault: Evocative watercolor illustrations and an emotionally powerful text tell the story of a native American child who repeatedly asks his grandfather to tell him the exciting story of the boy's birth and childhood, and about how - even though he was born blind - his grandfather taught him to ride a horse.

THE BOSTON COFFEE PARTY by Doreen Rappaport: a young Boston woman suggests a scheme to get back at a wealthy merchant who consistently overcharges for scarce merchandise during the Revolutionary War. An easy-to-read story based on a true historical incident.

KEEP THE LIGHTS BURNING, ABBIE by Peter and Connie Roop: when the lighthouse keeper is delayed by a severe storm, his daughter must keep the lights burning by herself.

MIDDLE GRADES

MONSTER GARDEN by Vivien Alcock: Frances ("Frankie") Stein's secret experiment with a glob of goo has monstrous results.

THE BIG BEAST BOOK, DINOSAURS AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY by Jerry Booth: fascinating facts, directions for projects, and plenty of illustrations in a fun-filled exploration of dinosaurs and fossils.

THE BURNING QUESTIONS OF BINGO BROWN by Betsy Byars: a humorous look at a middle-school boy's notebook in which he wrestles with some of life's harder problems, such as how he could fall in love with three girls within three minutes.

LOST STAR: THE STORY OF AMELIA EARHART by Patricia Lauber: an exciting fast-paced biography of a famous aviator who disappeared while attempting to fly around the world.

SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL by Patricia MacLachlan: Caleb and Anna become captivated by their father's mail-order bride and hope Sarah, who describes herself as plain and tall, will choose to stay with them.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday, 10-8; Friday, 10-6; Saturday, 10-1. Telephone: 865-1181.

Historical Society Meeting

MILLBURY - The annual meeting of the Millbury Historical Society, which will include the election of officers for 1992-93, will be held June 15 at the Asa Waters Mansion. A potluck supper is planned for 6 p.m.; bring a dish to be shared. The society will provide dessert and beverages. This meeting is open to the public. Anyone planning on attending is asked to notify Grace Laflash at 865-4563 by June 12.

The yearly custom of celebrating the town's birthday will be observed with cake and a display of Millbury artifacts: a Mother Goose book given to Harold Kilmer by Alvin J. Winter on December 25, 1918; a radio c. 1940; a picture of the graduating class of 1904 standing in front of the building which served as Millbury's first high school (Clarence White was one of the graduates); individual photographs of some of the members of the class of 1914, Belle Dewey, Julia Johnson, Eva Kahlstrom, Mae Kelleher, Elsa Holmberg, and Patrick Branigan (the first group to graduate from the Center School building which served as a high school from 1914-1953); snapshots taken during the construction of Gowing Bridge in 1895; and the derailment of the trolley in 1899.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring ancestral pictures for display to commemorate the quincentennial of Columbus' voyage to America.

Something for all ages at COA Block Party Event

MILLBURY - The Millbury Council on Aging will take part in the Lion's Club's Block Party on June 13 by holding a variety of events. Adults and children alike will enjoy a number of activities on the grounds of the Asa Waters Mansion, including: a magic show, a game area, face painting, performances by the Sing-a-Long Singers, and a bake sale.

Performance times are as follows: 4:30 p.m., Sing-a Long Singers; 5:30 p.m., Magic Show; 6:30 p.m., Sing-a-Long Singers; 7:00 p.m., Magic Show.

Campership Applications

MILLBURY - Campership applications for Salvation Army - Camp Wonderland - are available by calling Betty Hamilton at the District Nursing Society, 865-3562. Camperships for one week sessions are available for boys and girls ages 7 through 12 and are free. The camp dates are June 30-July 6; August 5-11; August 13-19; and August 21-27. Activities include swimming, boating, drama, and arts and crafts. The camp is handicapped accessible and there is always a registered nurse on duty. Call soon for an application.

Murder Mystery in Millbury

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club is sponsoring a Murder Mystery on Friday, June 19, at 7 p.m. at the Dudley Gendron Post in Sutton. The mystery will be staged by Cornely Productions of Westboro. Tickets are $20 and include a buffet. For tickets and information, call Mary Lou Mulhane at 865-9831, Leslie Vigneau at 865-5741, or Mary Mulhane at 865-4266. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Club's Scholarship Fund; each year $2,500 is given to Millbury students.

Millbury-Sutton Youth Football

MILLBURY - A final sign-up for the Millbury-Sutton Youth Football for 12-13 year olds will be held Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Town Hall. The weight restriction is 135 lbs. For more in information, call Steven Hebert at 792-3470 or Paul Palumbo at 865-3258.

Recent Graduate

Kevin R. Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raymond of Millbury, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire on May 17. He will pursue graduate studies at Tufts University in the Fall.

Father's Day Project

MILLBURY - Kids! Make a card that really moves to give to dad for his Father's Day celebration. Join youngsters in grades one and up at the Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, on June 17 at 3:30 p.m. for the library's annual Father's Day craft program. Call 865-1181 to register.

Receives Associate Degree

WORCESTER- Erica L. Raymond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raymond of Millbury, received an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education at Quinsigamond Community College on May 30. She plans to continue her education in the field of special needs education.

Block Party Update

MILLBURY - June 13 is the date for Millbury's First Annual Block Party sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club. This event will be held in Millbury Center from 4-10 p.m. Commemorative admission buttons are now on sale at numerous locations throughout the town. Prices are $4.00 per individual in advance and $5.00 per individual the day of the party. Senior citizens can purchase buttons in advance for $3.00. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. There will be bands, foods, and fun for all ages. For further information, call Bill Kane at 865-2258 or Len Horton at 865-4898.

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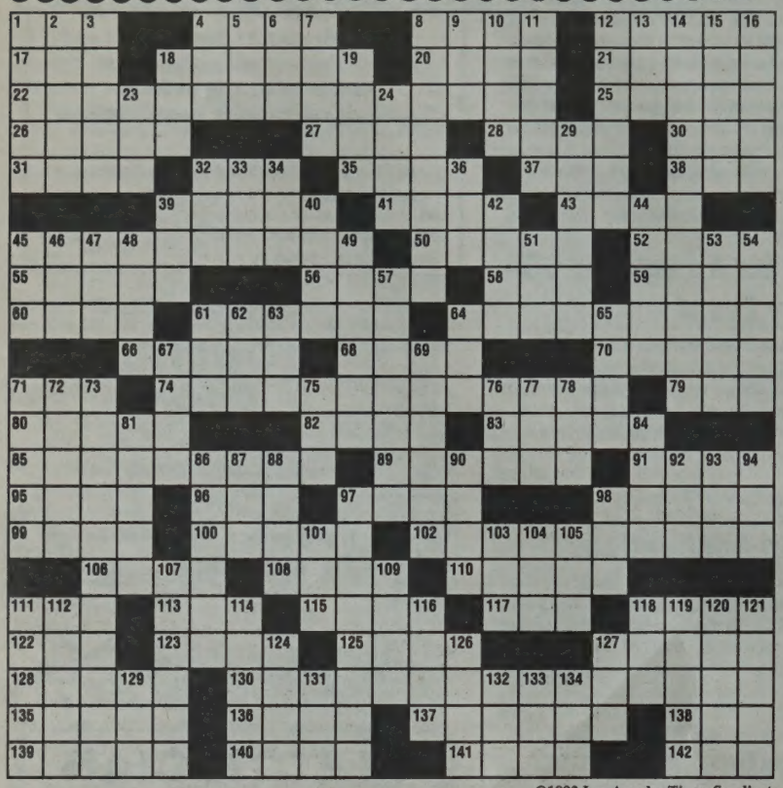

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By Sidney L. Robbins

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20 — avis
21 Outwit
22 Down market players
25 Candy —
26 — Park, Colorado
27 Sched. headings
28 Initials of ancient Rome
30 Make picots
31 Take ten
32 Cigar litter
35 Cockney dwellings
37 Litigate
38 Pacino and Smith
39 Verb for innocent or guilty
41 Indigo dye
43 Collar for a scholar
45 J. F. Cooper's "The —"
50 Ascend
52 Caucasian tongue
55 Apportion
56 Scorched
58 Prairie State pres.
59 — facto
60 Comical sketch
61 On the go
64 Hunt hinds
66 Rocky debris
68 Nickname of hockey's Phil
70 Mother-of-pearl
71 Morning hrs.
74 Manhattan school
79 Solution
80 Nasty nickname for a chubby
82 Astonish
83 Bay window
85 Gethsemane monks
89 Did a publishing job
91 Chilled
95 Fashion magazine
96 Born
97 Consumer
98 — of his own medicine
99 Mist, Manchester style
100 Openings
102 Trap for an urban pest
106 Rim
108 Word with beat or stick
110 Loud
111 Total
113 Small cobra
115 Erstwhile Persia
117 Caboodle's complement
118 Head line?
122 Wkly. periodical
123 School advisory gps.
125 Words of comprehension
127 Pivotal
128 Hopping mad
130 Chitchats
135 Take exception
136 Reiterative skirt
137 Sound system
138 Anonymous Richard
139 "Waiting for Lefty" author
140 Queen's workers
141 Entreat
142 Corp. board

DOWN

1 Widow's portion
2 Rub out
3 Stripes
4 Last, for short
5 For each
6 Mimic
7 Graf —
8 Attendance
9 Chinese pagoda
10 Goes astray
11 Speaks harshly
12 — Service
13 In the manner of
14 Tyro's typing technique
15 Sine qua non
16 Conquers
18 Silly one
19 Palindromic man
23 Court call
24 The Crimson Tide
29 Montreal's province
32 Sum total
33 Rachel Carson concern
34 Stack stuff
36 Part of RSVP
39 L.A. wintertime
40 Lucy's co-star
42 Munchausen type
44 Marie Louise de la Ramee
45 "— Kapital"
46 Antlered animal
47 Ingenious Whitney
48 Decays
49 Change back
51 Bus. degree
53 River to the Rhone
54 Actor Jeff or Wendell
57 Saves
61 Indonesian island group
62 100 yrs.
63 Asian holiday
64 Sp. primate's city
65 Joint or cap
67 Hew
69 Consider
71 "Time — time"
72 Thomas girl
73 Hunted for food
75 Double curve
76 Sodom citizen
77 Before, to Keats
78 Pop. Bible
81 Race
84 Resort near Venice
86 Endow
87 Observe
88 Care for
90 Wrinkle remover
92 Soldier's sack
93 Origin: Suffix
94 State: Abbr.
97 Excessive as to interest
98 Actress Irving
101 State or angle lead-in
103 Hunky-dory
104 Ovid's 102
105 FDR-DDE separator
107 Gawkers
109 Sail support
111 Kind of acid
112 Ventured
114 Trattoria treat
116 Capone's nemesis
118 Part of EAP
119 Keen
120 Facial trimmer
121 Forest features
124 Avoid
126 "—, Brute!"
127 Swing expert
129 Famous pharaoh
131 Giant great
132 — excellency
133 Energy unit
134 Stinger

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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School Lunch Menus

Week of June 15-19

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: steak grinder (with cheese), hash brown potato, green beans, applesauce
TUESDAY: pastrami sandwich, hash brown potato, corn on the cob, pudding
WEDNESDAY: juice, submarine sandwich, potato chips, fruit
THURSDAY: cook's choice
FRIDAY: no lunches

MILLBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: juice, hot dog on a roll, french fries, pineapple bites
TUESDAY: juice, American chop suey, green beans, garlic bread, jello/topping
WEDNESDAY: baconburger on a roll, lettuce & tomato, potato puffs, fruit
THURSDAY: hamburger on a roll, french fries, corn, pudding
FRIDAY: juice, tuna sandwich, potato stix, assorted fruit

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HELP WANTED

The Sutton Recreation Commission is seeking Senior/Junior counselors for a three week swim program. Approximately 25-30 hours per week. Wages to be paid according to experience. The Commission is also seeking senior and junior counselors for a four week recreational activity July 27 through August 21, for approximately 30 hours per week, six hours/day, Monday through Friday. Wages to be paid according to experience. Send letter of inquiry to: Sutton Recreation Commission, c/o Town Hall, Uxbridge, Road, Sutton, MA 01590.

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Town of Sutton
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed transfer of an all alcoholic beverage package store license on Tuesday, July 7, 1992, at 8:00 p.m. in the Sutton Town Hall, Selectmen's Chambers.

The proposed transfer is from Edmond Gauthier, d/b/a/ Rossi's Package Store, 8 Providence Road, Sutton, to Sutton Liquors, Inc., 8 Providence Road, Sutton, Kenneth Gauthier, manager.

The public is invited to attend and submit comments to the Board of Selectmen on the proposed transfer.

Dexter P. Blois, Town Administrator
June 11, 1992

Notice of Deweeding at Dorothy Pond

Dorothy Pond will be chemically treated on Wednesday, June 10, 1992 for control of nuisance aquatic vegetation. The pond will be closed for all water uses, including swimming, boating, fishing, irrigation, and watering of livestock for three (3) days beginning Wednesday June 10, 1992 and ending on Friday, June 12, 1992.

All chemicals to be used are EPA/State approved. The work is being performed by aquatic control technology, Inc. of Northborough, under contract to the Town of Millbury.

Any questions can be referred to the Selectmen's office at 865-4710.

Calendar

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

MILLBURY - The Annual Campership Bake Sale sponsored by the Millbury-Sutton Council of Church Women United from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Millbury Federated Church. In the event of rain, the sale will be held indoors.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

MILLBURY - Millbury's First Annual Block Party sponsored by the Millbury Lions Club, 4-10 p.m. Food booths, entertainment, something for everyone.

SUTTON - Strawberry Shortcake Supper at the West Sutton Community Hall, 659 Central Turnpike, 4:45 to 7 p.m. $6 for adults; $3 for children.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

MILLBURY - Millbury Parks Department "Concert on the Common" with Butch & Maeve, 6 p.m. to dusk.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

SUTTON - The Sutton Public Library will hold a Book Sale today through June 27.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

MILLBURY - Annual Town meeting, 7 p.m., Millbury High School Auditorium.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

MILLBURY - Youth Center 'wannabe' dance for 12-16 year olds. Dress up as someone you "wannabe." Admission, $3.00.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday noon of the week prior to publication. The office is closed on Saturdays, but announcements may be left in the mail box to the right of the side entrance door.

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TRAINING (S 1594) - Senate 25-11, rejected a supplemental budget amendment requiring that unemployed persons who participate in retraining programs complete the programs within their 30 week unemployment period. Amendment supporters said this will save $12 million annually by prohibiting people from starting their training late in their 30 week period and as a result, being able to collect an additional 18 weeks. Opponents argued this will prevent many people from taking advantage of this useful program and argued there has been no abuse in this system. Amorello voted against the amendment.

COLLECTION PERIOD (S 1594) Senate 27-9, rejected a supplemental budget amendment reducing from 30 to 26 the number of weeks a person can collect unemployment benefits. Amendment supporters claimed only one other state allows 30 weeks and argued this will save $69 million annually. Opponents said the extra month is important to people who depend on these benefits. Amorello voted against the 30 weeks.

ELIGIBILITY (S 1594) - Senate 24-12, rejected an amendment raising from 15 to 20 the length of time a person must be employed in order to be eligible for unemployment benefits. Amendment supporters, noting this is the only industrial state which requires only 15 weeks, said this hike will save $24 million annually and keep businesses from leaving the state. Opponents said the increase will hurt thousands of people who are laid off through no fault of their own. Amorello voted for 15 weeks.

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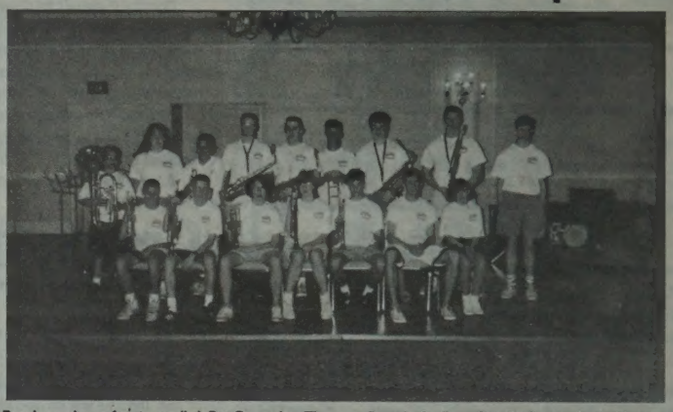
A Patriotic Project

Bottom row: Janice Chase, Siobhan Keenan, Rebecca McCall. Middle row: Melissa Woelfel, Leah Tamburro, Danielle Felice. Top row: Sue Rainville (Service Team Manager), Brendan Keenan Jr., Beth Keenan (leader).

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire members recently delivered handmade patriotic wooden pins to residents of the Providence House Nursing Home. This was the second half of a service project. Each participant earned a teddy bear patch.

Band Returns from Successful Trip



Band members: front row (l-r) Pat Dore, Jon Thomas, Brenda Crehan, Charity Davis, Andy Mason, Chris Diguette, Rachel Chasse; second row, Eric Berns, Liz Crehan, Joe LaValle, Leo Turner, Scott Singer, Jason Finne, Kevin Pease, Scot Vayo, J.C. Davis.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Jr.-Sr. High School Band recently returned from Virginia Beach where they participated in a music festival. The festival was run by national high schools from various East Coast locations. While in Virginia Beach, the Stage Band received a bronze medal rating and a second place trophy. The Marching Band received a second place trophy and a silver medal rating. All the band members had a great time and would like to thank everyone who helped make the trip possible.

Welcoming new Minister

SUTTON - On June 21, from 3-5 p.m. a reception will be held at the West Sutton Baptist Church, Central Turnpike, in honor of the church's new minister, the Rev. Sandra Hartman. She is a graduate of Andover-Newton Theological School.

Strawberry Shortcake Suppers

SUTTON - Strawberry Shortcake Suppers will be held on Saturday, June 13, and June 20 at the West Sutton Community Hall, 659 Central Turnpike, from 4:45 to 7 p.m. The menu includes juice, home baked beans, ham, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, pickles, hot and cold beverages, and fresh strawberry shortcake. Donation is $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for children ages 6-12. Tickets available at the door.

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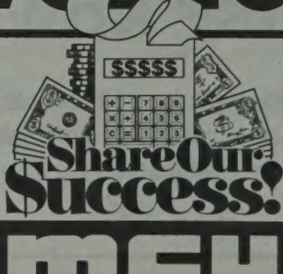

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